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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: David E. Francischelli et al

Examiner: Kearney, Rosiland Stacie

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ASSESSING TRANSMURALITY OF
ABLATION LESIONS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

The office action dated September 17, 2002 has been carefully reviewed. In response, the application has been amended to obviate the grounds of rejection and place the application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims as follows:

28. (amended) An ablation system for creating a tissue ablation site, the system comprising:
an energy source;
an ablation device operatively coupled to the energy source, the ablation device comprising one or more energy transfer elements positioned along an ablation tissue contact surface of the ablation device; and
a sensor device operatively coupled to the energy source, the sensor device including a sensor adapted to sense a temperature parameter relating to

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